



SERVANTS OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

Masks are optional unless seated in the balcony where they're required.

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Order of Worship

We invite you to follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer by referencing the page numbers listed. If you worship from home and do not have a Prayer Book but would like one, please contact the Church Office. Most parts of the service are projected in-house or subtitled in our live video, except for the sermon. A guideline for Anglican worship generally: we stand to praise God, we sit to listen, and we kneel to pray.

At times you may see some people bowing or making the sign of the cross.

These gestures are symbolic customs (called sacramentals) that some prefer to use in keeping with our ancient roots. At Servants you'll hear the phrase "all may, some should, none must," which is our general guide for these customs.

Processional Hymn

The ministers for the service enter preceded by a cross. The cross is one of several symbols of Christ present in the service and some choose to bow as it passes to honor Jesus's atoning death for us.

The Acclamation 123

These opening lines vary according to the seasons of the church calendar.

The Collect for Purity 124

This 11th-century prayer begins almost every Anglican worship service.

The Summary of the Law 124

On specific penitential Sundays, we replace the "Summary of the Law" with the 10 Commandments (or Decalogue). In both instances, hearing God's law reminds us of God's expectations for our lives.

The Kyrie 124

Literally "Lord, have mercy," this Greek prayer is the oldest prayer in our liturgy and comes from the age of the apostles. On entering the presence of God, we ask for mercy.

The Gloria in Excelsis 125

This 2nd-century prayer, written in the poetic form of a Psalm, proclaims that

we have entered into the presence of God as we have worshiped him.

The Collect of the Day 623

Collects “collect” our thoughts and focus them on a theme found in the Lessons and Gospel as the service shifts our attention to listening to God’s Word.

The Lessons 729

These readings usually come from the lectionary, a schedule of readings that many churches around the world follow every Sunday. In using the lectionary, we worship with them and they with us. We use the English Standard Version.

Jeremiah 23:1–6

1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. 3 Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at its tempest.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy dwelling place of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; therefore she shall not be moved. *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in an uproar, and the kingdoms are moved, *
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come and behold the works of the LORD, *
what devastations he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots
in the fire.
- 10 “Be still then and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the
earth.”
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Colossians 1:11–20

11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gradual Hymn

The medieval practice of singing before the Gospel reading was restored in American Anglicanism in 1928.

The Gospel

Since at least the 4th century, the Church has asked those able to do so to stand during the reading of the Gospel.

Luke 23:35–43

35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Congregants may add specific prayers during the pauses. Please speak loudly so that we can hear and agree with you.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. *(Please offer your own thanksgivings.)*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Alex, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of the vestry and search committee who will choose a rector for Servants of Christ, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Lord, in your

mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad. We pray especially for the Bishop Ochiel Siloam Trust. We also pray for the least reached people groups of the world, especially the Shaikh Qureshi of South Asia. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in Kuwait; we pray you would give them strength in their time of trouble. We also pray for those who persecute your people; forgive them and turn their hearts toward you through the faithful witness of those they persecute. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For our nation, and for all in authority, especially our President, our Congress, and our Courts. May they administer justice, govern wisely, and strive for the welfare and peace of the whole world. We also pray for first responders, relief workers, and those in the armed forces connected to our parish. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

The Confession & Absolution of Sin 130

The Comfortable Words 130

The Peace 131

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The Offertory 131

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Offertory Song

The Doxology

The Sursum Corda 132

Literally “Lift up your hearts.” This command is from the 2nd century and opens the Communion service in every ancient liturgy known today. During this part of the service, the priest gives a reason for praising God which changes with the Church seasons.

The Sanctus 132

Syrian Christians in the 3rd century adopted this prayer from the Jewish synagogues. It combines imagery from the Psalms and the prophet Isaiah.

The Prayer of Consecration 132

The Lord’s Prayer 134

The Fraction 135

This action symbolically pictures Christ’s body broken on the cross for us.

The Prayer of Humble Access 135

The Agnus Dei 136

Literally “Lamb of God,” this ancient prayer, written by Syrian Christians, was adopted by western Christianity in the 7th century.

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians may receive Communion. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail where you may kneel or stand. If you are not baptized and would like to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will quietly pray God’s blessing upon you. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, raise your hand at the rail as a signal to the priest. If you are unable to walk to the altar, but would like Communion, please notify an usher.

During Communion, prayer intercessors are available to pray for you for anything you need. Look for the two people standing near the east emergency exit doors.

Communion Songs

The Post Communion Prayer 137

This prayer from 1549 summarizes all the themes of the Communion service:

thanksgiving, mystery, unity with Christ, spiritual nurture, mission, and the coming Kingdom of God.

The Blessing

Hymn for Processing into the World

The Dismissal

To honor this parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya we use the dismissal form from the Kenyan Prayer Book. You may see parishioners pointing to the cross as we send our cares to Christ, and then pointing to the heavens as we declare where our hope resides. These are optional motions, like crossing oneself or bowing toward the cross or the altar (another symbol of Christ).

Deacon All our problems

All We send to the cross of Christ.

Deacon All our difficulties

All We send to the cross of Christ.

Deacon All the devil's works

All We send to the cross of Christ.

Deacon All our hopes

All We set on the risen Christ.

The deacon or priest gives the dismissal.

All Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mission Spotlight

When Servants was formed in 2006, we were invited to be part of the Diocese of Southern Nyanza, Kenya, under the leadership of Bp. James Ochiel. Though we are now under the ACNA and Bp. James is retired, we continue to give financially to his trust – the Bp. Ochiel Siloam Trust. We have a scholarship fund for high school and

college students and for building water tanks. Throughout the month of November we'll be collecting funds for these projects. You may donate online through our app or at servantsanglican.org/give or you may also make checks out to Servants of Christ with "Kenya scholarships" or "Kenya water tanks" in the memo line. Contact Janice Ladd with questions at the email linked above.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

The least reached people group: Shaikh Qureshi of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Kuwait

First responders, relief & healthcare workers, and armed forces personnel connected to Servants: Jeannie Bey, Sarah Chandler, Scottie Daquila, Danielle Elswick, Ethan Gibson, Rick Guerry, Annette Hall, John Harris, Lisa Kincaid, Libby King, Peter King, Chris Lewis, Barbara Matthews, Tiebout McCrea, Steve McCready, Tom McGee, Taylor Moore, Kate Norton, and Andrew Thompson

Clergy of our parish and diocese: Foley, our Archbishop; Alex, our Bishop; James, our Interim Rector; Bob, Michael, and Susan, assisting clergy; Kathy Ayres and Justin Smith, postulants; and Sherry in Live Oak.

Churches in our diocese: Church of Our Savior, Jacksonville Beach, FL; Christchurch, Montgomery, AL; Church of the Good Samaritan, Middleburg, FL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Jim Mouthrop, and Sandra Mixson; Servants at home—Barbara Austin, Charlotte Barrett, Judi Burger & Rick Mulligan, Jan Campana-Schrottke & Gus Schrottke, Alice Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Larry & Lesley Goble, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Bob Lyons and Rae Maren-Lyons

Announcements

If you're new to Servants, the section below is intended to give you a picture of what is going on in our parish over the next few weeks. All of this information and more can be found in our app, available to you when you need it most! We invite you to download the app [here](#).

Special Events

Instructed Eucharist: Next Sunday at our regular 9:30 service, we will have an instructed Eucharist. Fr. James will take us through the liturgy piece-by-piece, explaining why we do what we do. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend! The service will be helpful to those from different denominational backgrounds or those new to church in general.

Christmas Services: Join us at 5:00pm or 11:00pm on Christmas Eve as we celebrate our Savior's birth with carols and candles! We will live stream the 5:00 service. We will also have a Christmas Day service at our regular time, 9:30am. It will be a Eucharist service led by Fr. James with no music; it will also not be live streamed.

Weekly & Bi-Weekly Gatherings

Club 345: Tonight from 3:00-5:00pm, Club 345 for 3rd-5th grades will gather at Possum Creek Park for creation care projects! Contact Kim Harris at kim@servantsanglican.org for the details.

Servants Young Adults: Sundays at 6:30pm, our young adult group gathers for food and fellowship. If you're in college or are in your 20s just starting to figure life out, this is the group for you. The location changes weekly, so contact Kim Harris at kim@servantsanglican.org to join.

Women's Fellowship & Bible Study: Mondays from 12:00-1:30pm, women of all ages are invited to a weekly Bible study at the church in the Conference Room. The Women's Fellowship & Bible Study is for women wanting to study the Bible, build authentic friendships, and grow in faith. Contact Ramona Chance with questions at

rchance@mindspring.com.

Just Older Youngsters (JOYs): Typically on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, JOYs meets in the Community Room from 11:00am-12:30pm for fellowship, Midday Prayer, and a guest presentation or discussion. *They will not meet on the 22nd this month, though.* If you're retired or nearing retirement, invite a friend and join the group on December 13! Contact Ann Shower at awshower@yahoo.com with questions.

Life on the Porch: We offer two Life on the Porch groups, one for men and one for women. All ages and backgrounds are invited to a casual gathering each week beginning at 8:00pm. The group checks in, reads Compline together followed by a brief scripture examination from the Daily Office, and ends with prayer. You don't have to attend every week; it's a relaxed environment to spend time with others from the church. The location for each changes often, but is always at the home of a member. Men meet Mondays; text John Harris for the address at (352) 224-8156. Women meet on Wednesdays; text Kim Harris at (352) 256-1840 for the address. *The women's group will not meet November 23.*

Youth Group: Youth Group meets together on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Each week students gather in small mentor-based groups. Please contact Fr. Michael Mayo to get the latest info!

Ways to Serve

#ChooseTheLight: At Servants, the physical, spiritual, and emotional safety of our parishioners is of utmost importance. All priests, clergy, vestry, staff, lead volunteers, and those who work with minors at Servants of Christ should plan to attend this sexual misconduct prevention training on Saturday, December 10, 9:00am-12:00pm, if they have not done so in the last two years. If you think you may need to complete this training or are not sure if you should, please contact Kim Harris at kim@servantsanglican.org. You can learn more about the training and read our sexual

misconduct policy and other documents at servantsanglican.org/sexual-misconduct-prevention.

Freedom to Invest Initiative: We are working to pay down our mortgage before we have to renegotiate our loan in April. By doing so, funds will be freed up for the church to invest in ministry spaces and more! To give go to servantsanglican.org/give. If giving by check, please note “FTI” or “Freedom to Invest” on the memo line.

Financial Update

We know that money talk can be a real turn-off. We rarely talk about it, but we always include this as a way to be transparent to our parish. Amounts are current as of November 6.

2023 Budget YTD: \$97,334

2023 Giving YTD: \$84,511

Freedom to Invest Initiative (September 12, 2021–March 15, 2023)

Goal: \$526,000

Raised: \$33,389 (6%)